

WE CLAIM:

1. A service provisioning method in a communication system, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving at a first entity associated with the communication system from a storage entity, information regarding a communication control entity capable of servicing a user of the communication system; and

based on said information, signalling an originating request from the first entity to the communication control entity.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the originating request includes information regarding the handling of communications associated with the request.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the originating request includes an indication that further communications associated with the originating request shall be handled in a similar manner as if the request had originated from the user.

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein either terminating services or originating services are provided based on the request.

5. A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising deciding in the first entity how the communication control entity shall handle further communications associated with the request.

6. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first entity generates the originating request on the behalf of the user.

7. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the originating request is generated based on information regarding an address of the communication control entity.

8. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first entity modifies said information regarding the address of the communication control entity before sending the originating request.

9. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first entity adds a service type indicator into the originating request.

10. A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the service type indicator is included in an address of the communication control entity.

11. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the service type indicator is included in a user part of the address.

12. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the service type indicator is included in a domain part of the address.

13. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first entity selects a port where the request shall be sent.

14. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information received from the storage entity comprises an Universal Resource Identifier (URI) of the communication control entity.

15. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information received from the storage entity comprises a name of the communication control entity.

16. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information received from the storage entity comprises a service type indicator parameter.

17. A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising sending an enquiry to a

database from the first entity before sending of the originating request, said enquiry being based on the information regarding the communication control entity.

18. A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first entity enquires for SRV records of a Domain Name system for obtaining routing information regarding a desired service.

19. A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first entity enquires for Naming Authority Pointer (NAPTR) resource records to find out available services.

20. A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising the step of sending an enquiry from the first entity for said information regarding the communication control entity capable of servicing the user.

21. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein information regarding at least two different addresses for the communication control entity information is stored in the storage entity.

22. A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein said at least two different addresses are fetched from the storage entity by the first entity before sending of said request.

23. A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein one of said at least two different addresses is fetched from the storage entity by the first entity before sending of said request.

24. A method as claimed in any claim 1, wherein the originating request is indicative of filter criteria to be applied to the request.

25. A method as claimed in any claim 1, wherein the first entity comprises

an application server.

26. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communication control entity comprises a servicing call session control function.

27. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storage entity comprises a user information storage entity.

28. A method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the user information storage entity is one of a home subscriber server, a subscriber location function, a service and a Subscription repository.

29. A communication system arranged for provisioning of services for a user of the communication system, comprising:

a communication control entity capable of servicing a user of the communication system;

a first entity provided with a first interface for receiving information from a storage entity regarding the user and a second interface for signalling an originating request to the communication control entity based on said information from the storage entity.

30. A communication system as claimed in claim 29, wherein the originating request includes information regarding handling of communications associated with the request.

31. A communication system as claimed in claim 29, wherein the origination request signalled on the interface between the first entity and the communication includes a service type indicator.

32. A communication system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the service

type indicator is included in an address of the communication control entity.

33. A communication system as claimed in any of claims 29, comprising a database for storing service related information.

34. A communication system as claimed in claim 33, wherein the database comprises a Domain Name system.

35. A communication system as claimed in any of claims 29, wherein the storage entity stores information regarding at least two different addresses for the communication control entity.

36. A communication system as claimed in any of claims 29, wherein the originating request is indicative of filter criteria to be applied to the request.

37. An application server for a communication system, the application server comprising a first interface for receiving information from a storage entity regarding a user of the communication system and a second interface for signalling an originating request to a communication control entity capable of servicing the user based on said information from the storage entity.

38. An originating request to be signalled on an interface between a first entity of a communication system and a communication control entity capable of servicing a user of the communication system, the originating request being generated based on information from a user information storage entity.

39. A communication system arranged for service provisioning, the system comprising:

receiving means for receiving at a first entity associated with the communication system from a storage entity, information regarding a communication

control entity capable of servicing a user of the communication system; and

signalling means for signalling an originating request from the first entity to the communication control entity based on said information.

40. A system as claimed in claim 39, wherein the originating request includes information regarding the handling of communications associated with the request.

41. A system as claimed in claim 39, wherein the information received from the storage entity comprises a service type indicator parameter.

42. A system as claimed in claim 39, comprising sending means for sending an enquiry to a database from the first entity, wherein the sending means is configured to send the enquiry before the originating request is sent, and said enquiry being based on the information regarding the communication control entity.

43. A method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the first entity enquires for SRV records of a Domain Name system for obtaining routing information regarding a desired service.

44. A method as claimed in claim 39, wherein information regarding at least two different addresses for the communication control entity information is stored in the storage entity.

45. A method as claimed in any claim 39, wherein the originating request is indicative of filter criteria to be applied to the request.